

# Thinking of Running for Council?

Candidate Information Workshop – 2026 Municipal Election

7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

Aboyne Hall, Wellington County Museum and Archives

536 Wellington Road 18, Fergus, ON

Residents interested in learning more about serving in local government are invited to attend a Candidate Information Workshop for the 2026 Municipal Election.

## Who Should Attend:

- Potential candidates
- Spouses or partners
- Anyone interested in understanding how local government works

*This session will provide an overview of Council roles and responsibilities, the distinction between governance and administration, the public's role in municipal decision-making, and the personal and family impacts of holding public office. Municipal conflict of interest rules and other statutory obligations will also be discussed.*

## Featured Speakers:

**John Mascarin** – Partner, Aird & Berlis LLP; Law Society of Ontario Certified Specialist in Municipal Law and Land Use Planning; instructor at Osgoode Hall Law School; author and Editor-in-Chief of leading municipal and planning law publications.

**Kelly Linton** – Municipal change specialist with more than 25 years of experience; former Mayor of Centre Wellington and Warden of Wellington County; recognized for leadership in strategic planning, infrastructure, and service improvements.

## Topics Include:

- Municipal powers
- Roles and responsibilities of Council
- The public's role in local government
- Governance vs. administration
- Municipal conflict of interest and personal obligations
- Impact of public office on family life

***All interested community members are welcome to attend. There is no cost or pre-registration required.***

